

Severe Weather Season



The week of April 17th 2017 has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the state of Wisconsin. On Thursday April 20th, there will be two state wide tornado drills. The first one will start at 1:00 PM as a Tornado Watch and then a Tornado Warning will be announced at 1:45 PM. The all clear will be announced at 2:00 PM. The 2nd drill will take place at 6:45 PM as a Warning. The all clear will be announced at 7:00 PM. Please use the following safety tips as a guide if you are involved in a severe weather emergency at work or at home.

- Severe Weather Watch / Tornado Watch
 - Weather Conditions are developing or will be developing in the coming hours that could produce severe storms in the area.
- Severe Weather Warning / Tornado Warning
 - Severe weather is in the area. A tornado has been spotted by trained observers or seen on radar in the immediate area.
- When a tornado warning is issued, the County 911 Center will activate the County wide notification system (siren).
- When the notification system is activated, instruct everyone to proceed to the designated severe weather shelter(s).
- When all offices are being vacated, make sure the doors are closed and secured. This will signal emergency personnel that the room is empty.
- If time allows and can be done safely, designated building “Sweeps” will check meeting rooms, bathrooms and other common areas to assure that everyone is evacuated to the designated meeting location(s).
- Keep calm and help keep others calm if needed.
- If persons with disabilities need assistance help them to the shelter. If time allows, the elevator can be used to help folks with disabilities, wheel chairs, walkers etc.,
- Stay away from the door to the shelter and protect your head and face.
- Department Heads or other designees will do a head count to make sure all employees and members of the public are accounted for. (There is no 100% guaranteed way of doing this. Just do your best).
- Stay in the shelter until the all-clear is given.
- Once you get to the shelter, do not leave it and go back to an office or other area of the building you are in.
- If there is damage to the building and hazards exist, stay in the shelter until emergency personnel can reach you and assist you in exiting the building.
- *If time allows, take an AED and First Aid Kit to the shelter during the severe weather evacuation.*

- *If possible, have a weather radio, broadcast radio, 2-way radio or lap top in the shelter to monitor weather reports. Bring cell phones with you.*
- **You should always be prepared for severe weather conditions for home.**
 - Designate a severe weather location in the lower level of your home.
 - Remind children what to do in the event of a severe weather emergency and you are not there. (Have a plan)
 - Have a weather radio at your meeting location.
 - Have a flashlight at your meeting location.
 - Keep water and other snacks at your meeting location.
 - Don't forget your pets. They need to be protected as well.
 - Take your cell phone with you.